

# NETHERLANDS



Update: 2nd July 2024



## Geography

**Area:** 41.543 km<sup>2</sup>  
**Borders:** 1,027 km (Belgium 450 km, Germany 577 km)  
**Coastline:** 451 km  
**Capital:** Amsterdam  
**Official language:** Dutch



## Population

**Population:** 17,811,291 inhabitants (2023)  
**Natural change rate:** 0.4‰ (2023)  
**Population repartition:** 15.3% under 15 years old, 20.2% over 65 years old (2023)  
**Foreign residents:** 3% EU nationals, 3.4% non-EU nationals (2019)  
**Migration rate:** 2‰ (2023 est.)  
**First time asylum applicants:** 39,710 (2023)  
**Life expectancy:** men 80.5 years old, women 83.4 years old (2023)  
**Ethnic groups:** Dutch 75.4%, EU (excluding Dutch) 6.4%, Turkish 2.4%, Moroccan 2.4%, Surinamese 2.1%, Indonesian 2%, other 9.3% (2021 est.)  
**Religions:** None 54.1%, Catholics 20.1%, Protestants 14.8%, Muslims 5% (2019 est.)

Source : Eurostat



## Economy

**Currency:** Euro  
**GDP:** € 1,034,086 million (2023)  
**GDP per capita (PPP):** € 43,420 (2023)  
**GDP growth:** 0.1% (2023)  
**Unemployment:** 3.6% (May 2024)  
**Inflation:** 2.7% (May 2024)  
**Public debt:** 46.5% (Q4 2023)  
**Budget balance:** -0.6% of GDP (Q4 2023)  
**Stock of foreign direct investment from the entire world:** 516.2% of GDP (2022)

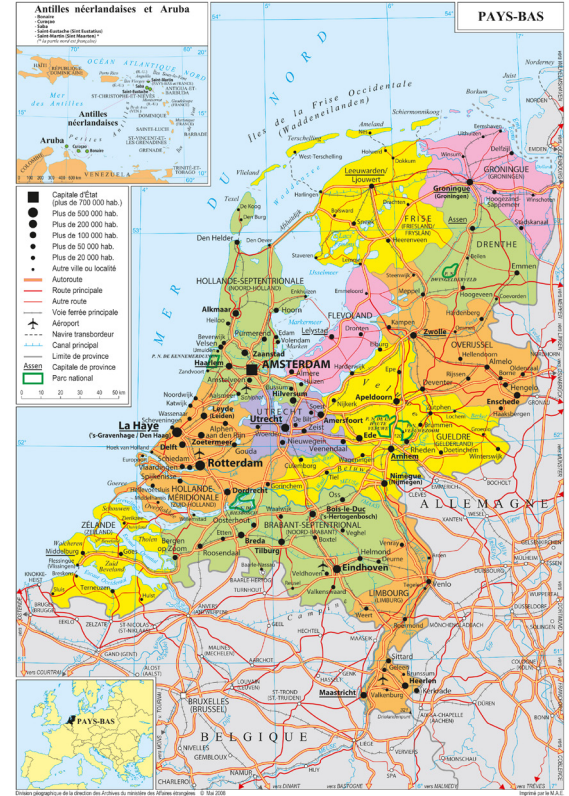
Source : Eurostat, OECD, BNP Paribas



## Political System

**Constitutional monarchy, parliamentary democracy**  
**Head of State:** King Willem-Alexander since 30th April 2013; he presides over the Council of State.  
**Head of Government:** Dick Schoof (unaffiliated) was appointed Prime Minister on 28th May 2024. He took office on 2nd July 2024 and leads a PVV, VVD, NSC and BBB.

**Bicameral parliamentary system comprises:**  
**The Eerste Kamer (Senate)**, of which 75 members are elected for four years by members of the provincial assemblies;  
**And the Tweede Kamer (Second Chamber of the States-General)** of which 150 members are elected for four years by direct universal suffrage.



## Political Representation

### Composition of the Tweede Kamer (in November 2023):

- 37 seats PVV (Party for Freedom)
- 25 seats GL-PvdA (Green Left-Worker's Party)
- 24 seats VVD (People's Party for freedom and democracy)
- 20 seats NSC (New Social Contract)
- 9 seats D66 (Democrats 66)
- 7 seats Farmer-Citizen Movement (BBB)
- 5 seats CDA (Christian Democratic Appeal)
- 5 seats SP (Socialist Party)
- 3 seats Denk
- 3 seats CU (Christian Union)
- 3 seats Forum for Democracy (FvD)
- 3 seats SGP (Reformed Political Party)
- 3 seats PvdD (Party for Animals)
- 2 seats Volt
- 1 seat JA21

### Composition of the Eerste Kamer (on 1st June 2021):

- 12 seats VVD (People's Party for Freedom and democracy)
- 3 seats FVD (Forum for Democracy)
- 9 seats CDA (Christian Democratic Appeal)
- 8 seats GroenLinks (GreenLeft)
- 7 seats Nanninga Group
- 7 seats D66 (Democrats 66)
- 6 seats PvdA (Labour Party)
- 5 seats PVV (Party for Freedom)
- 4 seats SP (The Socialist Party)
- 4 seats ChristenUnie (ChristianUnion)
- 3 seats PvdD (Party for the Animals)
- 2 seats 50PLUS (50PLUS)
- 2 seats SGP (Reformed Political Party)
- 2 seats Otten Group
- 1 seat OSF (Independent Senate Group)

### Female representation:

In the government: 7/16  
 Tweede Kamer: 61/150  
 Eerste Kamer: 30/75

**Next general elections:** in 2028